

Michigan Vital Records

Beginning April 5, 1867, the State of Michigan required cities and townships to take an annual assessment of births and deaths. Statewide registration of marriages also started in 1867. Michigan instituted a statewide divorce registration in 1897.



Vital Records at the Library of Michigan

from the Michigan Department of Community Health:

Births

Index (mfm F 565 .I5 1960) 1867-1915

Marriages

Index (mfm. F 565 .I54 1960) 1867-1921

Index (mfm F 565 .I54 1950) 1950-1969

Returns (mfm F 565 .I54 1867a) 1867-1925

Divorces

Index (mfm F 565 .D58) 1897-1969

Summary (mfm F 565 .D57 1897) 1897-1922

Deaths

Index (mfm F 565 .I532) 1867-1914

Index (available on Ancestry Library Edition) 1971-1996

Returns (mfm F 565 .I53 1868) 1867-1897

Certificates (mfm F 565 .I53 1960z) 1897-1920

To obtain Michigan vital records online

- Seeking Michigan, www.seekingmichigan.org/, has Michigan death certificates, 1897 to 1920.
- Family Search, www.familysearch.org, includes a growing number of Michigan vital records as part of its ongoing digital records project.

To obtain additional Michigan vital records

- Contact the Michigan Department of Community Health, Division of Vital Records and Health Statistics, Vital Records Requests, 201 Townsend St., P.O. Box 30721, Lansing MI 48909, or call (517) 335-8666. Record order forms are at www.michigan.gov/mdch.
- Contact the county clerk in the county where the event occurred. A directory of Michigan county clerks is online at seekingmichigan.org/about/county-clerks.